

04.03.2015 At Inverness on Wednesday 4th March 2015 the Kirk Session of Crown Church met in the Lower Hall and was constituted with prayer.

Sederunt The Rev Peter Donald, Rev Morven Archer, Mr Farquhar Forbes (Probationer), the Mrs Eileen Ardern, Marion Barbour, Heather Beck, Anne Bowen, Lena Clarke, Sheena Ferguson, Janet Fraser, Liz Gray, Judith MacLeod, Elizabeth Matheson, Jean McGowan, Dorothy Mein, Linda Moncur, Evelyn Reid, Morag Russell, Margot Tuley and Miss Irene Whyte; the Messrs Eddie Adie, Colin Baillie, John Barbour, Sanders Campbell, Peter Collinson, David Crippin, Pat Douglas, Alex Grant, Robert Laing, Brian Macgill, David MacKenzie, Alastair MacLeod, Donald Matheson, William Mein, Bruce Merchant, Donald Morrison, Stewart Robertson and Douglas Taylor.

Apologies The Rev Stewart Frizzell, The Mrs Lily Baillie, Ruby Coe, Pat Crippin, Marion Forrest, Alison Harbison, Ella Low, Miss Eleanor MacKenzie, Mrs Angela Murdoch . The Messrs John Akers, Richard Ardern, William Dawson, Ian Fraser, Theodore MacKenzie, Robin Stewart and Neil Stuart

Minutes The minutes of the meeting of 24th January 2015 were held over until 8th April.

Agenda Due to the deferral of the Trustees meeting to consider the Annual Accounts an additional meeting of Kirk Session was convened. The agenda was restricted to one matter arising and all other business held over until the regular meeting of Kirk Session on 8th April 2015.

Working Group – assisting ministry with ‘Children & Young Families’

Mr Farquhar Forbes gave an update on the progress of the Working Group. In brief, a proposal comprising a draft Job Description had been prepared following two meetings of the Working Group. There was also presented a draft “Pledge Form” document which was intended to be used to allow members of the congregation to indicate whether and to what extent they may be willing to support the proposal. It was underlined that all and any financial aspects would require the scrutiny and ultimate approval of the Congregational Board.

The contents were opened to discussion from the floor. Mr Robert Forrest led with the congratulations of Kirk Session to the Working Group for the depth and quality of the proposal this far.

Certain aspects of the proposal gave rise to further discussions and at length it was concluded that numerous detailed issues arising would require to be further clarified before progress could be assured. However, the Moderator brought matters to a conclusion by putting several questions to the meeting:

1. Is there a desire to create a worker position of “Crown Church Youth & Children’s co-ordinator”?
2. Such a position to be of five years duration, in the first instance?
3. A pledge form (anonymously and in-trust) should be used to gauge support from the wider congregation?
4. To explore the possibility of a separate legal entity as part of the venture?

To each of the above questions, in turn, Kirk Session gave its agreement. The status of the proposal would be formally conveyed to the Congregational Board to ensure that it was kept abreast of the matter and enable full consideration, in due course, to be given to all financial aspects of the proposal.

The Moderator again thanked members of the Working group for the work to date.

Date of Next Meeting

The next scheduled business meeting of the Kirk Session will be on Wednesday 8th April 2015.

The meeting was closed with the benediction.

Peter Dwyer.....Moderator

Ben Macpherson.....Session Clerk